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*Please Join Us*

Join The Honorable Kay Coles James,  
President of The Heritage Foundation, for the

## Inaugural 2020 Historically Black Colleges and Universities Forum

*"Promoting Innovation & Competitiveness of HBCUs"*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*(detailed schedule below)*

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**Please RSVP [here](#).**

**8:00 a.m.**

Breakfast Reception

**9:00 a.m.**

Forum Part I:

HBCUs: American Assets, The Value Proposition

Opportunities to Leverage HBCU Programs Toward Innovation, Global

Competitiveness & Military Preparedness

The Need for HBCUs toward Innovation, Global Competitiveness and Military

Preparedness

**12:30 p.m.**

Lunch Reception

**1:35 p.m.**

Forum Part II:

Strategies for Leveraging HBCU Programs Toward Innovation, Global  
Competitiveness & Military Preparedness  
Fireside Chat: Preserving Our History

**Presented By**

**The Heritage Foundation and The HBCU Working Group**

We believe the historical significance of HBCUs must be preserved, and the present-day value of HBCUs must be bolstered. HBCUs are an American asset, and the country must recognize the role of HBCUs in innovation and competitiveness.

Engage with prominent leaders who value HBCUs and believe the most effective solutions for preserving these institutions are consistent with the ideas and principles that foster freedom, opportunity, prosperity, and a flourishing civil society. To RSVP or for questions and additional information, please contact Danielle Bonnesen at 202.608.6152 or [Danielle.Bonnesen@heritage.org](mailto:Danielle.Bonnesen@heritage.org)

**Featured Speakers**

**Mr. David J. Albritton**, President, General Motors Defense & Naval Academy Graduate

**Lt. General Gwen Bingham**, US Army (Retired), Former Commander, TACOM Life Cycle Management Command

**Dr. Lindsay Burke**, Director, Center for Education Policy and Will Skillman Fellow in Education, The Heritage Foundation

**Mr. Ronal E. Butler**, President, Networking & Engineering Technologies, Inc.

**Dr. James Carafano**, Vice President, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, and the E. W. Richardson Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

**Lt. General Bruce Crawford**, Deputy Chief of Staff for Information Management, Department of the Army

**Dr. Rodney Ellis**, Chancellor, Southern University at Shreveport. Dr. Ellis and Member of the President's Board of Advisors for the WHI HBCU

**Mr. Eric Eversole**, Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and President, Hiring Our Heroes

**Lt. General Robert Ferrell**, US Army (Retired), Vice President, Worldwide Technology

**Dr. Wayne Frederick**, President, Howard University

**Dr. David Frey**, Professor of History and Founding Director of Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, United States Military Academy at West Point

**General Carter Ham**, US Army (Retired), President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of the United States Army

**Dr. Billy Hawkins**, President, Talladega College; Senior UNCF President and Member of the Trump PBA chaired by Johnny Taylor

**Dr. Leonard Haynes**, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education

**Mr. Johnathan Holifield**, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, White House Domestic Policy Council, U.S. Department of Education

**The Honorable Kay Coles James**, President, The Heritage Foundation

**Major Priscilla W. Locke**, US Army (Retired)

**Col. James Raftery**, Depart. Head, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the United States Military Academy

**Mr. Jack Spencer**, VP Institute of Economic Freedom, The Heritage Foundation

**Major General William Walker**, Commanding General, District of Columbia National Guard

**Mr. Marshall M. 'Will' Williams**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army

**Dr. Charmaine Yoest**, Vice President, Institute for Family, Community, and Opportunity, and the Joseph C. and Elizabeth A. Anderlik Fellow, The Heritage Foundation

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